

Success Beyond Six Legislative Study Group

Notes from August 30, 2007 Meeting

I. Introductions, Charge to the Group, and Review of Data

Charlie Biss (DMH) and Deborah Quackenbush (DOE) welcomed the group and outlined the charge to the group. Basic data was reviewed. Concern was acknowledged about the potential impact of the federal proposal to reduce or eliminate the specialized rehabilitation service option under Medicaid as this service option is the basis for the current majority of Success Beyond Six funding. Since we cannot know what the final outcome will be and the charge to the group goes beyond funding, the group will proceed as charged.

II. Overview of Current Practice in Vermont

Catherine Simonson, Director of Children's Services at HowardCenter, provided an overview of the types of service requests received from schools. Most common examples include:

- Home/school coordination
- Individual and/or group therapy
- Consulting with teachers and teams (e.g., Educational Support Teams)
- Case management and service coordination with the community

III. Best Practice Models

Members of the group reviewed current best practice models from around the country, including:

Rae Ann Knopf: Positive Behavioral Intervention Strategies (PBIS)

Clare McFadden: Autism Program

Catherine Simonson: Students First

Barbara Cimaglio: Student Assistance Program

Charlie Biss: School Health

IV. Discussion

Members discussed their thoughts about the best practices described and if they needed further information. The group decided it needs more information on the boundaries and potential flexibility of allowable services under the Global Commitment Medicaid Waiver.

V. Public Comment

None

Next Meeting:

Thursday, September 20, 2007, 9:00 – 12:00

HowardCenter's Mastery Conference Room, 1138 Pine Street, Burlington